

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Natural Resource Commission
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m. by John Keshick III,
Commissioner

Roll Call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Vice-Chairman,
Daugherty Johnson III; Secretary, William McNamara; and
Treasurer, Phil Harmon.

Absent: 1 Vacant Position

NRD Staff: Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Stephen Lenart; Chief
Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Inland Wildlife Biologist,
Archie Kiogima; Inland Fisheries Biologist, Max Field; Inland
Fishery Biologist, Bill Parsons; and Administrative Assistant,
Debra S. Browne.

Absent: NRD Director, Doug Craven;

Guests: James Bransky, LTBB Attorney; Dexter McNamara, LTBB
Vice-Chairman

Public Comment: Opened 6:06 p.m.

Public Comment: Closed at 6:07 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda.

**Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to
adopt the agenda as amended, William McNamara, Secretary;
supports.**

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

NRC reviewed the minutes of July 28, 2010.

**Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve the
Minutes of July 28, 2010 as corrected, Daugherty Johnson III,
Vice-Chairman, supports.**

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

1 6:30 p.m. Dexter McNamara arrived.

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3 Discussion was held on CORA Executive Council agenda items –

- 4 • Black Lake Sturgeon Harvest Proposal Allocation
 - 5 ○ A total harvest limit of ten (10) sturgeons equating to an
 - 6 exploitation of 1.2 % of the estimated number of adult
 - 7 sturgeon in Black Lake was agreed to for 2011.
- 8 • Elk
 - 9 ○ 2009 Elk dispute – State of Michigan
 - 10 ○ The issue of Tribal Hunters harvesting in the Core Units
 - 11 seems to be an issue for the State of Michigan.
 - 12 ○ Round up for each hunt period for elk tags allocation.
 - 13 ○ The December Elk 3rd hunt period – GTB hunting in the
 - 14 Core Unit not just the assigned management units – if
 - 15 their member has a permit you have the entire core to
 - 16 hunt.
 - 17 ○ Schedule a conference call for Tuesday, August 17, 2010
 - 18 at 9 a.m. with NRC, NRD, Executive and James Bransky.
- 19 • SSM Co-Captain licenses being issued and the process for issuing
- 20 a co-captain license.
 - 21 ○ GTB does not agree with SSM and the issuance of a co-
 - 22 captain and it violates the Great Lakes Consent Decree
 - 23 Rules and Regulations.
- 24 • GTB Concern Re: Proposed Revisions of State Lake Trout
- 25 Regulations in MM-4
 - 26 ○ The State of MI gives GTB the remainder of fish that they
 - 27 do not harvest. The State of MI has a TAC and if the state
 - 28 wants to increase their TAC for Lake Trout.
 - 29 ○ Report on Implementation of GTB MM-4 Management Plan.

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31 7:18 p.m. James Bransky departs meeting.

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33 Stephen Lenart requested that a meeting be held on information that
34 was received from testing Lake Trout from 5 years ago; this
35 information has just been received by Stephen Lenart.

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37 **Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer to approve the**
38 **recommendations of the wildlife biologist for the Black Lake**
39 **Sturgeon Harvest Proposal Allocation; William McNamara,**
40 **Secretary, supports.**

41 **4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

42 **Motion Carried**

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer to approve the recommendations of the wildlife biologist for the Elk Allocation Proposal; William McNamara, Secretary, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Directors Report – Doug Craven, Director – No Report

- Doug is in Spain – Leadership Training Program

Conservation Enforcement Report – Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer

- National shooting was held in MN. Video surveillance
- Water defensive training, strenuous training and not very many participants passed the course.
- Received a complaint on a LTBB Tribal Member running Bear Dogs on private property with out permission. LTBB does not have anything under regulations for this type of violation.
- Call received from a member regarding using pie filling being used for bear bait – this is allowed by state law – LTBB regulations state no fruit can be used for baiting. It was determined by the commission level that pie filling would be allowed for bear baiting.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve the Conservation Enforcement Verbal Report as presented by Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer, Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chair; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Great Lakes Biologist Report – Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Biologist

- Hatchery process – conducting interviews for the design firms to submit a proposal for roads
- Sturgeon Bay surveys have started. We lifted on Tuesday was conducted this week and caught more White Fish juveniles in one lift than he has seen in 3 years.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chair , to approve the Great Lakes Biologist Written and Verbal Report as presented by Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Biologist, Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Inland Wildlife Biologist Report – Archie Kiogima, Inland Wildlife Biologist and William Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist

- 1 ▪ Fish Fry will be on Friday for Drew Walterhouse, his last day
- 2 will be Friday, August 20, 2010.
- 3 ○ Field Activities
- 4 ▪ W. Branch maple river - Tote-Barge Electro fishing
- 5 • Recapture Run w/ MDNRE – July 29, 2010
- 6 ▪ Hunter Safety course – July 23rd – 24 and July 30 – 31, 2010
- 7 • Certified Instructor – Drew Walterhouse (in process of
- 8 becoming an instructor)
- 9 ▪ Great Lakes Fisheries Program Assistance
- 10 • Lifted – Processed Fish – Cleanup – August 10, 2010
- 11 ○ ICD Activities
- 12 ▪ Walleye – Preparing Spines for Aging – Drew Walterhouse
- 13 ▪ Black lake System – Lake Sturgeon Allocation 2011 – E.C.
- 14 Agenda Description August 10, 2010
- 15 ▪ LRBOI Black Lake Sturgeon Allocation 2011 – Emailed
- 16 Proposal August 10, 2010
- 17 ○ Monitoring
- 18 ▪ Spirit Lake Staff Gauge @ Dam and N. Launch – July 30 and
- 19 August 6, 2010
- 20 ▪ Wild Rice Monitoring – August 4 and August 5, 2010 (Larks
- 21 Lake and French Farm)
- 22 ○ Maintenance
- 23 ▪ Tote Barge Electro fisher Maintenance
- 24 • Master electrician – July 28, 2010
- 25 ○ No help and tried to charge \$200
- 26 • Smith-Root technician – July 29, 2010
- 27 ○ Junction Box mailed to Smith-Root Inc. on July
- 28 30, 2010
- 29 ○ Grants
- 30 ▪ Tribal Wildlife Grant FY 2010 - Walleye Project
- 31 • Posted Lead Technician Position Friday, July 30, 2010 –
- 32 August 20, 2010
- 33 • BIA GLRI – Island Projects
- 34 ○ Working on QAPP's
- 35 • Tribal wildlife Grant FY 2011 – Eagle Home Range Use
- 36 Project
- 37 ○ Grant Application worksheet – Ready for August
- 38 22, 2010 Tribal Council Meeting
- 39 ○ Regulations
- 40 ▪ F.Y.I. Federal Register
- 41 • Proposed Migratory Bird Regulations on certain Federal
- 42 Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2010 –
- 43 2011 Hunting Season
- 44 ○ Meetings

- Mute Swan Management and Control Policy – Mute Swan Forum – August 24, 2010
- Big Lake Association Meeting – Chester Township Hall
 - August 10, 2011
 - Big Lake Spring Walleye Assessment Presentation
 - Eagle Repository was addressed to the commission regarding establishing a LTBB Repository Policy
 - Review the Presentation that was presented to the Big Lake Association Meeting that was held on Chester Township Hall.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice Chairman, to approve the Inland Wildlife Biologist Verbal and Written Report as presented by Archie Kiogima, Inland Wildlife Biologist, Max Field, Inland Fisheries Biologist and William Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist; Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Commissioner's Report – John Keshick III, Commissioner

- Trap Net Operation – still a learning experience and equipment inventory – lost a pottl buoy so they will drag to see if they can retrieve the buoy.
- Will lift one net next week – may just put the net in storage until next year.
- Approached by Grodin, a SSM Fisherman to request a permit to fish the LTBB Salmon Zone – he may approach the commission.
- If the commission meeting is to be held at Mackinaw City, Bell's Fishery in the near future, Audie's has offered to provide a meeting room if the weather does not cooperate.
- Special Use Permits are available for the Berg Property if anyone is interested.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to approve the Commissioner's Verbal Report as presented by John Keshick III, NRC Commissioner; Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Break at 8:20 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

8:21 p.m. Archie Kiogima, Max Field and Bill Parsons depart meeting.

8:26 p.m. Stephen Lenart departs meeting.

1 Discussion was held on the LTBB 2010 Bear Harvest drawing for Bear
2 management Unit Baldwin with 4 (four) members vying for 1 (one) tag
3 in Baldwin Management unit. The person drawn was Daniel Romer
4 and the other 3 (three) applicants will be given their 2nd or 3rd choice.
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6 **Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to**
7 **table the LTBB Commercial Fishing Apprentice Program Policy**
8 **and the LTBB Commercial Captain Trainer Program Policy until**
9 **the next NRC meeting to be held on August 11, 2010; Phil**
10 **Harmon, Treasurer, supports.**

11 **4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

12 **Motion Carried**
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14 **Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to**
15 **approve a commissioner attendance for the BIA training in MN**
16 **August 18 – 19, 2010, with mileage stipend per diem travel;**
17 **Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.**

18 **4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

19 **Motion Carried**
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21 Public Comment opened at 8:44

22 Public Comment closed at 8:46
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24 **Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to**
25 **adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m., Phil Harmon, Treasurer,**
26 **supports.**

27 **4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

28 **Motion Carried**
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30 Next scheduled meeting will be held on August 25, 2010.
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35 William McNamara, Secretary

Date